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## Preface

In this issue of the *Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics (JCAM)* you may find a suitable selection of papers submitted in connection to the *International Conference on Computational Methods in Sciences and Engineering 2004 (ICCMSE-2004)*, which took place between 19 and 23 November 2004 in Athens—Vouliagmeni, Greece.

The ICCMSE-2004 was an impressively successful international conference and it attracted around 300 participants from all over the world. The conference had around 30% increase in participation compared to the 2003 event and during its five days duration approximately 290 papers were presented in numerous parallel and special sessions.

The 12 meticulously selected papers appearing in this issue have been chosen from a very large selection of around 230 submitted full-length conference contributions. The quality of the papers is remarkably high and the contributors collectively achieved to noticeably progress the field of computational and applied mathematics.

We would like to warmly thank the many (anonymous) referees, the conference's participants and specially Professor L. Wuytack, Principal Editor of JCAM, for providing us with the opportunity to produce this guest editorial work.

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